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SENATE RESOLUTION 88
By Williams

A RESOLUTION To commend Michael Travis Foust for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, Each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Michael Travis Foust is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Micheal Williams; Travis's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislator he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Travis is a 2000 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, which he attended on full scholarship; he earned his Bachelor's Degree with a double major in Political Science and Economics and with a minor in Spanish, while participating actively in Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Travis plans to continue his education at Emory University Law School in the fall of 2001; and

WHEREAS, A native of Mount Juliet, Tennessee, Travis is the son of Michael Lynn Foust and Debbie Foust; the middle child of his family, he has an older sister, Amber and a younger brother, Josh; and

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WHEREAS, An avid golfer, Travis loves to read the classics and history; he also loves sports, travel and animals, especially dogs; and

WHEREAS, A true connoisseur of beer, particularly dark beer, Mr. Foust has mastered the art of home brewing and frequently brews his own malt beverages; and

WHEREAS, Travis has made Senator Williams's office the social center for the third floor interns, and he has graciously given up his tiny space in the office to lobbyists on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, Travis has also humbly played Ed McMahon to the Senator's Johnny Carson, serving adroitly as the Senator's faithful sidekick and comedic foil, even when the material has been less than hilarious; and

WHEREAS, Senator Williams holds Travis in the highest regard and has opined that if he ever had a son, Travis would be the son he would choose; and

WHEREAS, In turn, Travis is proud to serve as Senator Williams's surrogate son and is honored that the Senator has trusted him to work with his constituents on problems and issues; and

WHEREAS, Ronelle Heatherly, Senator Williams's trusted assistant, also greatly appreciates Travis's loyalty and hard work; and

WHEREAS, A keen observer who views politics as being akin to chess: a game with lots of strategy, Travis has enjoyed seeing politics from the inside and has found his intern experience to be both educational and exciting; and

WHEREAS, Travis enjoys staying on top of the day's political issues and he will never forget the horn-honking anti-tax protest and the debate on the lottery and the death penalty; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the 2001 legislative session, Travis Foust has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; this exceptional young man considers his opportunity to work for the General Assembly to be an honor; and

WHEREAS, Travis Foust has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Michael Travis Foust for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Micheal Williams and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.